

SUFFOLK COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS
Minutes of Public Meeting Held on
February 15, 2017
In the Office of the Board of Ethics
Sunrise Business Center, 3500 Sunrise Highway, Room 364
Great River, New York 11739

Meeting: *Board Members present:* Linda Spahr, Richard Halverson, Dennis O'Doherty, Anthony Parlatore and Eric Kopp. *Staff present:* Samantha Segal, Executive Director and Darlene Mohlmann, Board Secretary, taking minutes. *Counsel present:* John Gross, Esq. and Mary-Ann Czak, Esq.

Ascertainment of Quorum: The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chair, Linda Spahr. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.

Adoption of Agenda: A motion was made by Eric Kopp, seconded by Dennis O'Doherty, to adopt the agenda as amended to hold public session before the start of the first executive session. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (5-0-0).

Public Session: Linda Spahr opened Public Session. No members of the public were present and no written testimony was submitted. Linda Spahr closed Public Session.

First Executive Session: A motion was made by Linda Spahr, seconded by Eric Kopp to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing confidential matters pertaining to one Advisory Opinion, one Board Investigation, and Counsel Updates in accordance with the Suffolk County Administrative Code §A30-8 and the New York State Open Meetings Law. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (5-0-0).

During Executive Session: A motion was made to:

- Approve Advisory Opinion No. AO-2016-24 and direct staff to distribute a public copy to all Elected Officials, including Elected Official Department Heads, and respective counsel. Approved (5-0-0);
- Adjourn matter Board Investigation 001-2015/ Resolution 001/2017. Approved (5-0-0).

John Gross left the meeting.

A motion was made by Linda Spahr, seconded by Anthony Parlatore, to close Executive Session. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (5-0-0).

Adoption of Minutes: A motion was made by Dennis O'Doherty, seconded by Eric Kopp to adopt the minutes of the February 1, 2017 meeting. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (5-0-0).

Chair Report: None.

Executive Director Report: Samantha Segal, Executive Director, reported and/or discussed the following:

- Suffolk County Code Chapter 77, §77-2(D)3: disclosure option;
 - Will draft form and procedures;
- Legal Services Contract Amendment: Due to litigation, the not to exceed amount on the original contract must be increased to accommodate all of the 2016 invoices.

Second Executive Session: A motion was made by Linda Spahr, seconded by Eric Kopp to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing confidential matters pertaining to two Advisory Opinions and one Ethics Violation Complaint in accordance with the Suffolk County Administrative Code §A30-8 and the New York State Open Meetings Law. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (5-0-0).

During Executive Session: A motion was made to:

- Approve standing of Advisory Opinion No. AO-2017-1. Approved (5-0-0);
- Approve standing of Advisory Opinion No. AO-2017-2. Approved (5-0-0);
- Determine reasonable cause on Ethics Violation Complaint No. C-001-2017. Adjourned (5-0-0).

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New Business: Based on the Board's experience with their first Board Investigation and Hearing, the Board directed the Executive Director to review Board procedures for recommended amendments, including whether the report of a hearing office can be made public in future determinations.

The next meeting of the Board will be held March 1, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Linda Spahr, seconded by Dennis O'Doherty to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (5-0-0) (10:45 a.m.).